

**HARPER'S CHOICE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 5, 2012  
APPROVED JULY 10, 2012**

The Board of Directors of the Harper's Choice Community Association conducted its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at Kahler Hall, Columbia, Maryland. Clare Brooks, Claire Albert, Ann DeLacy, Alicia Kong, Stephen Cook, Linda Kangrga, Clarence Lam, Cindy Coyle and Wendy Tzucker attended.

Mr. Cook called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Ms. Brooks moved to accept the Agenda with the additions of request from Hope for Haiti and Public Safety under New Business. Ms. Albert seconded. All in favor**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Dr. Lam moved to approve the April 17, 2012 Minutes and the May 1, 2012 Minutes. Ms. Albert seconded: all in favor.**

**RESIDENT SPEAK OUT**

No residents were present for Resident Speak Out.

**COLUMBIA COUNCIL REPORT**

Ms. Coyle reviewed her report. She highlighted:

- Symphony Woods Park and the fountain
- Wilde Lake and Downtown Development
- Downtown Columbia Partnership
- Village Assessment Share
- Active Transportation Action Agenda
- Bus stop across from the Village Center
- Splashdown

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dog Park - Jane Dembner and Denis Ellis, from the Columbia Association, presented plans for a dog park to take the place of the ballfields near the water tower. Mr. Ellis said that the County has a dog park in Worthington and they are planning another park in Blandair. This would be the only Columbia Association dog park. Mr. Ellis felt that this was a good location because there was enough space, it was not near homes, and had plenty of parking. CA would charge an annual membership for use of the park. The Board expressed their concern for the annual July 4th Longfellow Softball Game. We will try to work with them on finding a new location.

There were six residents present who spoke in favor of the dog park.

**Dr. Lam moved to recommend approval of the dog park on the condition that CA keeps the village apprised of all developments and that accommodations are made for the groups that use the current ball fields. Ms. Kong seconded: all in favor.**

Pool Staff - Adam Scott, West Side Supervisor for the pools, introduced Jason Bazell, manager of Hobbits Glen, and Emily Lecont, manager of Swansfield and Longfellow Pools. The Board discussed

the drainage problems with Longfellow. Mr. Scott spoke about the new computer system and the reduced daily admission rates at Faulkner Ridge and Running Brook pools.

Management Contract - Ms. Tzucker highlighted some changes and updates to the Management Contract that the villages sign with the Columbia Association. **Ms. Brooks moved that the Harper's Choice Village Board accept the Management Contract for FY 2013 and FY 2014. Ms. Kong seconded: all in favor.**

**Ms. Kong moved to designate Ms. Tzucker as agent to CA. Ms. De Lacy seconded: all in favor.**

Hope For Haiti - Ms. Tzucker presented a letter from Hope for Haiti requesting that HCCA co-sponsor their fund raising event on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Ms. Kong moved to approve giving Hope for Haiti free ballroom space on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dr. Lam seconded. After discussion the vote was 0 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion failed.** The Board feels that this is a very worthwhile charity, but it does not meet the criteria set forth in the HCCA donation policy.

Public Safety - Ms. Coyle explained that Town Center Representative, Suzanne Waller, has been appointed to the Howard County Police Citizens Advisory Board and would like the villages' input on their concerns with public safety. After discussing some issues such as; higher visibility, consistency, better communication the Board decided that Ms. Tzucker will write a memo to send to Ms. Waller.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Committees – **Dr. Lam moved to open committee membership to the community. Ms. Kong seconded: all in favor except Ms. Albert who abstained.** Ms. Tzucker will begin to advertise for members in the newsletters.

**Ms. Kong moved to discuss when the committees will meet. Ms. Kangrga seconded: after discussion the motion was withdrawn.**

#### **VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT**

Ms. Tzucker reminded the Board about their participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The Board will throw out candy during the parade.

She also reminded the Board about Ignite Columbia and that the next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Cook reported that he will get together with the Village Manager to review some procedures.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Ms. Kong reported that there is game night every Thursday in July at 7:00 in Kahler Hall and that it is great fun. The grand opening at Harper House was a great fun.

Dr. Lam is joining the Transition Committee.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Bus Stop on next Agenda	Tzucker
Memo about Public Safety	Tzucker

**Meeting adjourned 9:15.**